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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, we have...we have adequate funds, in fact, if you look at the valuation we do have a significant surplus in the fund. We have...we have a statutorily prescribed contribution rate that is in excess of the required contribution rate. The combination of all those things, at the moment, I would tell you makes it quite unlikely that we would have any required change in the contribution rate. Quite unlikely.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The...I...I suppose what makes one a little...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...little apprehensive is the...is the taking away from the PERB board of the ability to react immediately to a...a shortage...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, of course...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...rather than going through a year's legislative process.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yeah. Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And in conjunction with that, apparently there's another provision that...that sets forth how the state will pay for an unfunded actuarial accrued liability over a 25-year period.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes. That's comparable to the provisions in the State Patrol and judges plan. And part of the reason for doing...making the suggestions for change in the school plan is to make it look more like those plans in that respect. It has been one of the long-term stated objects for the Retirement Committee. One of the principles, I think, was to bring greater conformity among the three defined benefit plans.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And with respect to the State Patrol and judges plan, are their funding rates frozen at particular levels?